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Smartphone & Pocket PC *magazine's*

Best Software Awards 2007

Winners and Finalists

Smartphone & Pocket PC magazine's Best Software Awards 2007 celebrates the efforts of independent developers whose software make Windows Mobile devices more functional and fun!

Facts about the 2007 Best Software Awards

- 94 Windows Mobile expert judges (The 2007 Board of Experts consist of prominent Webmasters, magazine contributors, bloggers, Microsoft MVPs, and support forum moderators from around the world, page 13)
- 15,000 Windows Mobile software products
- 4000 Windows Mobile software product listings in the SmartphoneMag.com Encyclopedia of Software and Accessories
- 889 software products nominated from the Encyclopedia
- Potential nominees invited to enter their free Encyclopedia listing
- Nominations Manager Werner Ruotsalainen created an initial listing in May, and made all final determinations

Special thanks goes to
Handango
and especially Sarah Douglas for their efforts facilitating the judging of the
2007 Best Software Awards
Handango

- Judges suggested nominations in June
- Consumers and software vendors suggested nominations in July
- 150 touch screen categories contained 677 nominees (for Pocket PC and Pocket PC with phone)
- 38 non-touch screen smartphone categories contained 212 nominees
- Judges voted in August
- SmartphoneMag.com/awards contains rules, detailed qualifications of experts, award winners, finalists, and nominees

Touch Screen Software Categories

Communication	**2**	News Readers	6
Bluetooth	2	Terminals	6
Call & SMS Autoblocker/Rejecters	2	Web Compression Service	6
Call Recorders/Answering Machines	2	**Multimedia**	**6**
Connection Managers	2	Audio Players	6
External Phone Handlers	2	Audio Recorders	6
Fax	2	Desktop Multimedia Recording / Converting / Ripping	6
Misc. Phone	2	DSP / Sound Enhancement	6
Multifunction Phone Utilities	2	DVD Converters	6
Phone Dialers	2	Graphic Design/Drawing	6
Phone Info Access - Non-WM	2	Image Management	6
Phone Info Access - WM	2	Midi and Karaoke	6
SIP and VoIP	2	Misc. Audio Tools	6
SMS Autoreply / Mass Sending	2	Music Composition	6
Synchronization	2	Power Point and Presentation	7
Emulators	**2**	Radio Tuner / Streaming	7
Games	**3**	Remote Media Controller	7
Action Games	3	Video	7
Adventure Games	3	**Text and Reference**	**7**
Backgammon Games	3	Astronomy	7
Board Games	3	Document Viewers	7
Bomberman Clones	3	e-Book Readers	7
Card Games	3	Educational	7
Casino Games	3	Multilingual Dictionaries	7
Chess Games	3	English Dictionaries	7
Classic Arcade	3	Religious	7
Color Matching	3	Specialized Dictionaries	7
First Person Shooter	3	Thesauruses	7
Game Packs	3	**Travel**	**7**
Golf games	4	Guides	7
Kids' Games	4	Info Managers	7
Mahjong	4	Time	7
Non-Run & Jump Platformers	4	**Utilities**	**7**
Number Puzzles	4	Backup Tools	7
Poker Games	4	Battery / Memory Meters	7
Puzzle Games	4	Button Enhancers	8
Racing Games	4	Calculator	8
Real-Time Strategy	4	Command Prompt/Scripting	8
Role Playing Games	4	File Management	8
Run & Jump Platform Scrollers	4	File System	8
Scrolling Shooters	4	FTP Clients	8
Simulations	4	Handwriting	8
Solitaire Games	4	Internet Relay Chat	8
Sports Games	4	Mindmapping	8
Strategy Games	4	Misc. Utilities	8
Sudoku Puzzles	4	Multifunction Maintenance Tools	8
Tetris	4	Networking	8
Top-down puzzle-adventure	5	Notes	8
Trivia Games	5	Overclocking/Speed Boosting	8
Turn-Based Strategy	5	Printing	8
Word Puzzles	5	Registry Editors	8
GPS	**5**	Remote Host Control	8
GPS Geocaching	5	Screen Capture	8
GPS Moving Map	5	Screen Display	9
GPS Utilities	5	Security	9
Information Managers	**5**	Soft Keyboards	9
Contact Management	5	Speech & Voice Commander/ Dialer	9
Database	5	System and Registry	9
Dining	5	System Metrics	9
Finance	5	System Tweakers	9
Genealogy	5	Task Managers	9
Health and Fitness	5	Theme Creation/Management	9
List Managers	5	Time and Expenses	9
Misc. Information Managers	5	Time Utilities	9
PIMs	5	Today Informations plug-in	9
Secure Information Managers	5	Today Launchers	9
Sporting	5	TV and Stereo Remote	9
Student Planners	6	Unit Conversion	9
Internet	**6**	User interface/menu improvers	9
Browsers and Web Utilities	6	Weather	9
Chat and Messaging	6	WM Device Control	9
E-mail	6		
Explorer Mobile add-ons	6		

2007 Best Software Winners: Touch Screen Devices

The vast majority of Windows Mobile software is still developed for Windows Mobile Professional devices—the Pocket PC and the Pocket PC with phone. Experts selected winners and finalists from 677 nominations in 150 game and application categories. Complete details about the awards can be found at SmartphoneMag.com/awards.

Communication

Communication

WINNER

BlueMouse

Teksoft SRL
www.teksoftco.com
A Bluetooth mouse program for mobile platforms.

FINALIST

BlueMusic
Bluetooth Audio

Fax

WINNER

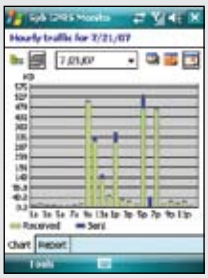
Pocket PhoneTools Pro

BVRP Software
www.bvrp.com
Four communications tools: a fax module, an SMS module, a phonebook module, and a WAP browser.

FINALIST

eFax

Phone Info Access-WM



WINNER

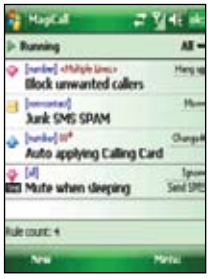
Spb GPRS Monitor

Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
Measures data transfers via GPR, WiFi, CDMA, or GSM connection, calculates cost.

FINALIST

Jeyo Mobile Companion
Phone Dashboard Minute Tracker

Call/SMS Autoblocker/Rejecters



WINNER

MagiCall

Mobiion Software
www.mobiion.com
A tool for SMS and dual-way call filtering.

FINALISTS

Call SMS Blocker
PhoneGate

Misc. Phone

WINNER

Jazzy SMS

LaymanAid Soft
www.LaymanAidSoft.com
Compose, send, and receive hand written or scribbled formatted text messages with a background color.

FINALIST

Outlook2SMS

SIP and VoIP

WINNER

Skype

Skype
www.skype.com
Free software which provides superior-quality voice calls over the Internet via its next-generation peer-to-peer SW.

FINALIST

fring

Call Recorders & Answering Machines

WINNER

Resco Audio Recorder

Resco, Ltd. www.resco.net
Real-time MP3/WAV recorder that can save to storage cards.

FINALIST

VITO AudioNotes

Multifunction Phone Utilities

WINNER

phoneAlarm

pocketMax
www.pocketmax.net
Pager functionality and 7 Phone profiles for you Pocket PC Phone Edition, all in a Today screen plugin.

FINALIST

PhoneWeaver

SMS Autoreply/Mass Sending

WINNER

Auto SMS Reply

ByteSurge
www.bytesurge.com
A full-featured auto-responder that sends SMSs to your missed callers.

FINALIST

SMS Notifier

Connection Managers

WINNER

GB-SOFT Tweak

GB-SOFT www.gb-soft.cz
A GPRS and audio tweaker.

FINALIST

GPRS Manager

Phone Dialers

WINNER

PhonePlus

ME Software
www.mesoftware.biz
Software that replaces the default dialer on PocketPC Phone Edition devices.

FINALIST

EZdial 2

Synchronization

WINNER

PocketMirror Prof.

Chapura, Inc.
www.chapura.com
Provides the ability to synchronize with multiple folders from Outlook Contacts, Calendar & Tasks.

FINALIST

Missing Sync

External Phone Handlers

WINNER

Sunnysoft Calling Card

Sunnysoft
www.sunnysoft.com
Allows you to dial only the number you want to call without PINs or codes.

FINALIST

InfoSMS

Phone Info Access-Non-WM

WINNER

Indovisi SMS

Virtue Software
www.virtue-software.com
An SMS manager.

FINALIST

mPhone
Simple SMS

Emulators

16/32-bit Vintage Computers

WINNER: CastCE

FpseCEwww.fpsece.net
An ATARI ST emulator for Pocket PCs.

FINALISTS: Mini vMac, PocketUAE

32+-bit Desktop Game Consoles

WINNER: FpseCE

FpseCEwww.fpsece.net
A PlayStation 1 emulator for Pocket PCs running on Windows Mobile 2003, 2003 SE, and WM 5.

FINALIST: PocketSX

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8-bit Computers

WINNER: Pocket Commodore 64
Clickgamer Technologies Ltd.www.clickgamer.com
FINALISTS: PocketHobbit, UnrealSpeccyPPC

Arcade Machines

WINNER: Finalburn Alpha
Masterall
www.modaco.com/Smartphone-Software-Games-f38.html
FINALIST: PocketCultMAME

Calculator Emulators

WINNER: Emu48
Christoph Gießelinkhp.giesselink.com
FINALIST: Emu42

Desktop Game Consoles-Mega Drive (Genesis)

WINNER: PicoDrive
Masterall
www.modaco.com/Smartphone-Software-Games-f38.html
FINALISTS: Genesis Plus
The Mega Drive module for SmartGear

Desktop Game Consoles-NES (Famicom)

WINNER: Pocket Nester Plus
Masterall
www.modaco.com/Smartphone-Software-Games-f38.html
FINALIST: The NES module for SmartGear

Desktop Game Consoles-SNES (Super Famicom)

WINNER: The SNES module for MorphGear
Spicy Pixel
FINALISTS: Masterall's PocketSNES port
2700G PocketSNES

Desktop Game Consoles-TurboGrafx-16 (PC Engine)

WINNER: The PCE / TG-16 module for SmartGear
BitBank Softwarewww.bitbanksoftware.com
FINALISTS: PocketEngine, TG-16 module for MorphGear

Game Interpreters

WINNER: ScummVM
ScummVMscummvm.sourceforge.net
FINALIST: Stratagus & Wargus

Handheld Game Consoles

WINNER:The Game Gear module for SmartGear
BitBank Softwarewww.bitbanksoftware.com
FINALIST: NeoPocott

Handheld Game Consoles - Gameboy

WINNER: PocketGBA
Sunbug.netsunbug.net
FINALIST: The GB(C) module for SmartGear

Misc. Desktop Game Consoles

WINNER: PocketVCS
Stuart Russellpocketvcs.emuunlim.com
FINALIST: The SMS module for SmartGear

Multiplatform Game Console Emulators

WINNER: SmartGear
BitBank Softwarewww.bitbanksoftware.com
FINALIST: MorphGear

x86 and Other Productivity Platforms

WINNER: StyleTap Platform
StyleTap www.styletap.com
FINALIST: PocketDOS

Games

Action Games

WINNER

Anthelion 2: Celestial Vigilance
PDAmill www.pdamill.com
A fast paced, 3D space fighter game. You are an fighter-pilot for a band of space pirates.

FINALISTS
Atomic Battle Dragons
Enslave
The Corsair

Casino Games

WINNER

All Mobile Casino
Binaryfish
www.binaryfish.com
14 popular games including Baccarat, Blackjack, Poker variants, Craps, Roulette, and more.

FINALIST
Aces Blackjack

Adventure Games

WINNER

Broken Sword: Shadow of the Templars
Astraware Limited
www.astraware.com
An epic adventure which takes you around the globe.

FINALIST
Atlantis Redux
The Secrets of Da Vinci

Chess Games

WINNER

PocketGrandmaster
Clever games
pocketgrandmaster.com
A Chess game.

FINALIST
ChessGenius
Championship Chess Pro

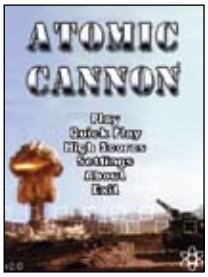
Backgammon Games

WINNER

Multiplayer Championship Backgammon
Real Dice www.realdice.com
Stunning graphics, powerful AI opponents, multiplayer.

FINALIST
Cunning Fox Backgammon
Handmark Backgammon
PocketGammon

Classic Arcade



WINNER

Atomic Cannon Pocket
Isotope 244
www.isotope244.com
Strategic artillery simulation with realistic graphics and effects.

FINALIST
Acky's XP Breakout
Retro-Games 1-4

Board Games

WINNER

Monopoly
Handmark
www.handmark.com
Pocket PC implementation of the original board game.

FINALIST
Scrabble
The Travel Collection

Color Matching

WINNER

Bejeweled 2
Astraware Limited
www.astraware.com
More wildly addictive than ever before with new graphics and special effects.

FINALIST
Bubble Shooter
Zuma

Bomberman Clones

WINNER

Explode Arena
Infinite Dreams
www.idreams.pl
Are you ready for the most *EXPLOSIVE* game around?

FINALIST
Retro Detonatio

First Person Shooter

WINNER

Call of Duty 2
Aspyr Media, Inc.
www.aspyr.com
Brings intense World War II action to the palm of your hand.

FINALIST
DoomPPC / DoomGLES

Card Games

WINNER

Championship Spades Pro
DreamQuest Software
www.dqsoft.com
Multiple features to customize each game.

FINALIST
Championship Cribbage Pro
Championship Euchre Pro

Game Packs

WINNER

GameBox Classics
PDAmill Ltd.
www.pdamill.com
Six highly addictive puzzle games: Blocks, Blocks+, Cannons, Jewel Master, Snake, and Fireball.

FINALIST
GameBox Gems

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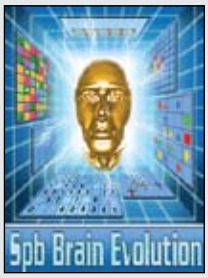
Golf Games

WINNER

Links
JAMDAT Mobile
www.jamdat.com
Photo-quality animations and realistic ball/shot physics including terrain, green conditions, and wind.

FINALIST
Harry Putters Crazy Golf

Puzzle Games



WINNER

Brain Evolution
Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
An intelligent game for the Pocket PC.

FINALIST
Bounce Symphony
Brain School Brain Trainer
Glyph

Simulations

WINNER

Lemonade Tycoon
JAMDAT Mobile
www.jamdat.com
In this game you can test your entrepreneurial skills by trying to sell lemonade.

FINALIST
Insaniquarium
PPC Transport Tycoon Deluxe

Kids' Games

WINNER

Spb Numbers
Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
An original and attractive arithmetic game.

FINALIST
Countdown!
StarPop

Racing Games

WINNER

Street Duel: Underground Racing
Pixelogic Ltd
www.pixelogic.co.uk
A 3D street racing game using a full physics engine and accurate collision detection.

FINALIST
GeoRally EX
Stuntcar Extreme

Solitaire Games

WINNER

GameBox Solitaire
PDAmill Ltd.
www.pdamill.com
10 solitaire games: Blind Alleys, Canfield, Chinese, East Haven, 14-Out, Freecell, Golf, Klondike, Pyramid, and Pyramid Golf.

FINALIST
GameBox Solitaire II

Mahjong

WINNER

Shanghai Pocket Essentials
LandWare www.landware.com
A solitaire version of mah-jongg based on Activision's Shanghai Mah-Jongg series.

FINALIST
Multiplayer Championship Mahjong

Real-Time Strategy

WINNER

Machines at War
Isotope 244
www.isotope244.com

FINALIST
Warfare Incorporated

Sports Games

WINNER

Virtual Pool Mobile
Celeris, Inc.
www.celeris.com
An award-winning pool game.

FINALIST
Air Hockey Challenge
Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2

Non-Run & Jump Platformers

WINNER

Meltdown
Momentum Games
www.momentumgames.com
A platform/puzzle game.

FINALIST
Curse of the Pharaohs

Role Playing Games

WINNER

The Quest
Redshift
www.redshift.hu
A sinister world full of magic, music, and challenges.

FINALIST
Arvale II: Ocean of Time
Arvale: Short Tales
Undercroft

Strategy Games

WINNER

Azgard Defence
MoreGames Entertainment
www.pocketmoregames.com
Build a line of defense to protect your home, Azgard, from hordes of creatures.

FINALIST
High Seas: Guns & Gold
Tradewinds 2

Number Puzzles

WINNER

Mastersoft Kakuro
Mastersoft Mobile Solutions
www.mastersoftmobilesolutions.com
Kakuro is the latest craze to come from the land of the rising sun—it's a bigger hit in Japan than Sudoku!

FINALIST
Number Cruncher

Run & Jump Platform Scrollers

WINNER

Boneyboy
Mobisation
www.mobisation.com
Multi-layer scrolling, rendered animations and backgrounds, music, speech.

FINALIST
Gold Miner Joe
Rats!!
Super Miners

Sudoku Puzzles

WINNER

Mastersoft SuDoku V2
Mastersoft Mobile Solutions
www.mastersoftmobilesolutions.com
An insanely addictive Japanese Puzzle game!

FINALIST
Resco Sudoku
Sudoku Rules Extreme!

Poker Games

WINNER

Multiplayer Championship Poker - Texas Hold'em
Real Dice www.realdice.com
Features multiplayer and multi-table tournament play via Bluetooth or IrDA.

FINALIST
Aces Texas Hold'em - No Limit

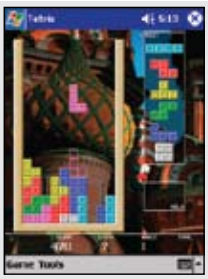
Scrolling Shooters

WINNER

SkyForce Reloaded
Infinite Dreams
www.idreams.pl
Ultimate classic arcade shooter, 3d interactive objects, outstanding graphics, effects, and soundtrack.

FINALIST
FireHawk

Tetris



WINNER

Handmark Tetris
Handmark
www.handmark.com
The most popular electronic game of all time with over 60 million players.

FINALIST
Kevtris

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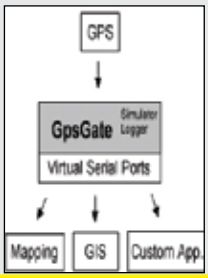
Top-down (maze) puzzle-adventure games

WINNER

Hyperspace Delivery Boy!
Monkeystone Games Inc.
www.monkeystone.com
You are Guy Carrington, fresh on the job as a courier for the Hyperspace Delivery Service.

FINALIST
Mummy Maze
TMax

GPS Utilities



WINNER

Franson GpsGate
Fransonfranson.com
Program to run multiple GPS applications at the same time using a single GPS.

FINALIST
Virtual Earth Mobile
VITO AstroNavigator

Health and Fitness

WINNER

MySportTraining
VidaOne, Inc.
www.VidaOne.com
Track workout duration, distance, notes; and vital signs (resting heart rate, weight, etc).

FINALIST
MyPersonalDiet

Information Managers

Trivia Games

WINNER

Trivial Pursuit Handheld Edition
Handmark
www.handmark.com
The world's most popular trivia game for Windows Mobile handheld devices.

FINALIST
Who Said That?

Contact Management

WINNER

ContactBreeze
SBSH Mobile Software
www.sbsh.net
A Contact searching and dialing solution for Windows Mobile devices.

FINALIST
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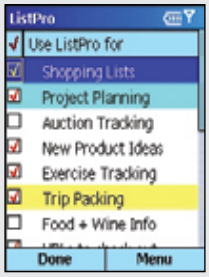
Inesoft Address Book

List Managers



WINNER

ListPro
Ilium Software
www.iliumsoft.com
Make and manage lists such as to-do lists, inventories, and shopping lists.

FINALIST
InfoShare List Manager
MyList
TreNotes

Turn-Based Strategy

WINNER

Orions: Legend of Wizards
MoreGames Entertainment
www.pocketmoregames.com
A world separated into many islands called Orions.

FINALIST
Napoleonix
Snails
Warring Nations

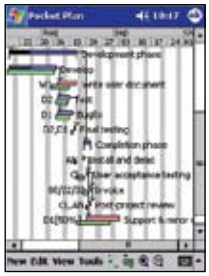
Database

WINNER

Visual CE Professional
SYWARE www.syware.com
Builds mobile database applications for patient tracking, inventory management, or field service.

FINALIST
abcDB Enterprise

Misc. Info Managers



WINNER

Pocket Plan
Twiddlebit Software
www.twiddlebit.com
A Microsoft Project compatible project planning application.

FINALIST
PerfectHome

Word Puzzles

WINNER

Across Lite Mobile
Binaryfish
www.binaryfish.com
Download crosswords and complete them on your PDA.

FINALIST
BookWorm
Crossword Puzzles for PPC
Super Wild Wild Words

Dining

WINNER

Wine Enthusiast Guide
LandWare, Inc.
www.landware.com
Select wines by cost, rating, style, grape variety, and region.

FINALIST
Pocket Cook

PIMs

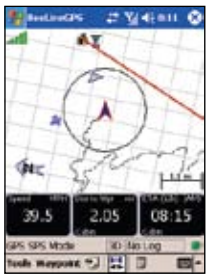
WINNER

Pocket Informant
WebIS, Inc. www.webis.net
Replaces built-in contacts, tasks, and appointments applications with a single more robust application.

FINALIST
Agenda Fusion

GPS

GPS Geocaching



WINNER

BeeLineGPS
VisualGPS, LLC
www.visualgps.net
A high performance cache navigation and management tool.

FINALIST
GPSdash

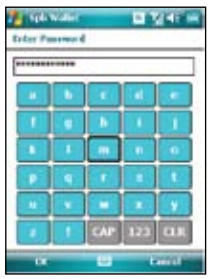
Finance

WINNER

Spb Finance
Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
A stand-alone Pocket PC finance manager with powerful register view, transaction splits, and more.

FINALIST
Cash Organizer Premium

Secure Info Managers



WINNER

Spb Wallet
Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
Secure storage for important and business-critical information.

FINALIST
CodeWallet Pro
eWallet Professional

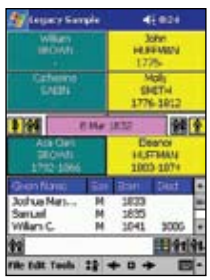
GPS Moving Map

WINNER

GPS Tuner
Megalith - Gabor Tarnok
www.gpstuner.com
A GPS measurement, mapping, and geocaching tool for the Pocket PC.

FINALIST
Google Maps Mobile
Live Search for Mobile

Genealogy



WINNER

Pocket Genealogist
Northern Hills Software
northernhillssoftware.com
A genealogy application.

FINALIST
My Roots

Sporting

WINNER

IntelliGolf Eagle Ed.
Karrier Communications
www.intelligolf.com
Program automates golf scoring, wagering, and GPS-based shot tracking.

FINALIST
Dive Assistant
World Cup Mobile

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Student Planners

WINNER

The Dog Ate It

Birdsoft www.birdsoft.net
This application will help you to keep track of class schedules, assignments, grades, instructors, and books.

FINALIST

4.0Student

Terminals

WINNER

mToken

Choung Networks
www.choung.net
A terminal emulator that includes VT100/VT102/VT52/ANSI terminal emulations.

FINALIST

PockeTTY

DVD Converters

WINNER

DVD Catalyst GT

PocketDVD
www.pocketdvd.ca

FINALIST

DVD to Pocket PC
Mobile DVD
Pocket DVD Wizard

Internet

Browsers and Web Utilities

WINNER

Opera Mobile

Opera Software
www.opera.com
Surf the same Web sites as you do on your personal computer.

FINALIST

Opera Mini
ThunderHawk

Web Compression Service

WINNER

Skweezer

Greenlight Wireless Corp.
www.greenlightwireless.net
A free, Web-based service that reformats large-screen Web pages for viewing on small-screen devices.

FINALIST

ONSPEED PocketPC

Graphic Design/Drawing

WINNER

Pocket Artist

Conduits Technologies, Inc.
www.conduits.com
Edit and retouch photos and images, add text and special effects, and create Web graphics.

FINALIST

Photogenics

Multimedia

Chat and Messaging

WINNER

Agile Messenger

Agilemobile.com Limited
www.agilemobile.com
Push-to-Talk and IMM over the public networks of MSN, ICQ, AIM, and Yahoo!

FINALIST

IM+ Mobile Instant Messenger
Pocket MSN

Audio Players

WINNER

PocketMusic

PocketMind Software
www.pocketmind.com
Play MP3 files from any folder and not just from the "My Documents" folder.

FINALIST

Pocket Player
VITO AudioPlayer

Image Management

WINNER

Resco Photo Viewer

Resco, Ltd. www.resco.net
Manage and view your images in many different file formats.

FINALIST

Imageer
Pocket Phojo
Pocket QuickView (PQV)

E-mail

WINNER

FlexMail

WebIS, Inc.
www.webis.net
Manage e-mail from your mobile device.

FINALIST

Qmail

Audio Recorders

WINNER

Virtual Recorder

4Pockets.com
www.4pockets.com
A personal voice recorder for your Pocket PC.

FINALIST

VITO SoundExplorer

Midi and Karaoke

WINNER

IntelliArt Midi Player

IntelliArt
www.intelliart.com
A GM wavetable MIDI player for Pocket PCs.

FINALIST

KarPocket

IE Mobile add-on/plug-ins

WINNER

PIEPlus

ReenSoft
www.reensoft.com
Pocket Internet Explorer (PIE) enhancer that adds additional features such as optimization of Web pages, and more.

FINALIST

MultiIE

Multimedia Recording/Converting/Ripping

WINNER

DBPoweramp

Illustrate
www.dbpoweramp.com

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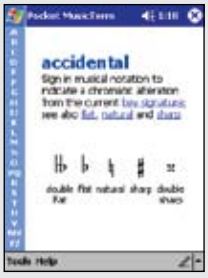
CD to MP3 Ripper
CDex

Misc. Audio Tools



WINNER

Pocket MusicTerm

PocketMusician
www.pocketmusician.co.uk
Contains definitions of over five hundred musical terms and symbols.

FINALIST

McFunSoft Audio Studio
Pocket Piano

News Readers

WINNER

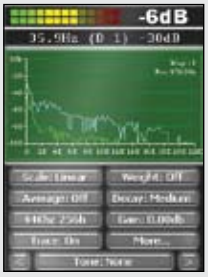
NewsBreak

Ilium Software
www.iliumsoft.com
Latest headlines, weather, sports, business, and entertainment wirelessly on your Pocket PC.

FINALIST

Spb Insight

DSP/Sound Enhancement



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Pocket RTA Professional

4Pockets.com
www.4pockets.com
Portable real-time spectrum analyser for PC and PPC.

FINALIST

Handheld Audio Spectrum Analyzer

Music Composition

WINNER

Syntrax

Klaar
www.finished.nl
A real-time synthesizer and sequencer.

FINALIST

VITO SoundEditor

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Power Point and Presentation

WINNER

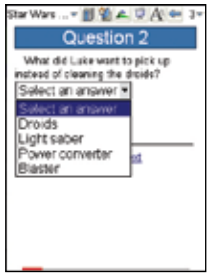
Pocket Slides

Conduits Technologies, Inc.
www.conduits.com
Create, edit and playback presentations. Does drag and drop desktop conversions.

FINALIST

ClearVue Presentation
Pocket SlideShow

eBook Readers



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Mobipocket Reader

Mobipocket.com
www.mobipocket.com
An e-book reader which displays text in page-by-page formatting with no scroll bars.

FINALIST

eReader Pro
TomeRaider

Thesauruses

WINNER

BDicty English Thesaurus

Bieks
beiks.com
English thesaurus with 55,000 entries based on WordNet Lexical database.

FINALIST

TrueTerm Thesaurus

Radio Tuner/Streaming

WINNER

Pocket Radio

Resco, Ltd.
www.resco.net
A player for Internet streaming radio, broadcasting in MP3, OGG Vorbis, AAC, and AACplus formats.

FINALIST

Slingplayer

Educational

WINNER

Leonard Maltin's Movie Guide

LandWare, Inc.
www.landware.com
Essential facts, ratings and reviews for over 20,000 films.

FINALIST

Britannica Concise Encyclopedia Handheld Ed.
World Almanac-Handheld Ed.

Travel

Guides

WINNER

WorldMate Professional Edition

MobiMate
www.mobimate.com
Comprehensive real-time, essential travel info directly on your mobile device.

FINALIST

Vindigo

Remote Media Controller

WINNER

Bluetooth Remote Control for WM

Jérôme LABAN
www.jaylee.org/remotecontrol
Uses native Bluetooth transport without ActiveSync to control remote apps.

FINALIST

Salling Clicker

Multilingual Dictionaries

WINNER

LingvoSoft Bilingual Talking Dictionaries

LingvoSoft
www.lingvosoft.com
Talking dictionaries; available in English with six other languages.

FINALIST

SlovoEd Multilingual Dictionaries
Speereo Voice Translator

Info Managers

WINNER

Spb Traveler

Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
A travel and business trip aid.

FINALIST

Fizz Traveller

Video

WINNER

CorePlayer Mobile

CoreCodec, Inc.
www.corecodec.com
Turns mobile devices into multimedia players without replacing legacy hardware.

FINALIST

The Core Pocket Media Player (Betaplayer)
Orb

English Dictionaries

Lexisgoo English Dictionary

PPCLink Mobile Software
www.ppclink.com
English-English with a clear design and friendly interface.

FINALIST

Lextionary
Merriam Webster Collegiate WordBook

Time

WINNER

City Time

Code City
codecity.net
Track time in any four world cities.

FINALIST

Spb Time

Text and Reference

Astronomy

WINNER

Pocket Stars

Nomad Electronics
www.nomadelectronics.com
A portable guide to the heavens for casual stargazers, astronomers, and celestial navigators for the Pocket PC.

FINALIST

TheSky Pocket Edition

Religious

WINNER

PocketBible

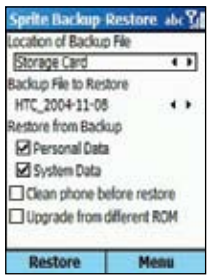
Laridian www.laridian.com
Bible Reader plus a number of Bible reference books.

FINALIST

BibleReader
Pocket e-Sword
Pocket Islam
QuickVerse PDA

Utilities

Backup Tools



WINNER

Sprite Backup

Sprite Software Ltd
www.spritesoftware.com
All of the functionality of the standard edition, plus back up directly to your PC or network.

FINALIST

Spb Backup

Document Viewers

WINNER

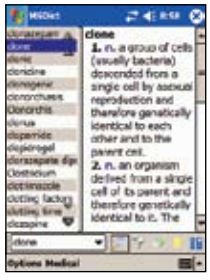
TextMaker

SoftMaker Software
www.softmaker.de
Has most of the features of a desktop word processor.

FINALIST

PlanMaker

Specialized Dictionaries



WINNER

MSDict Oxford Concise Medical Dictionary

Mobile Systems Inc.
www.mobi-systems.com
All the important terms/ concepts used in medicine.

FINALIST

MedicineNet's Pocket Guide to Medications

Battery/Memory Meters

WINNER

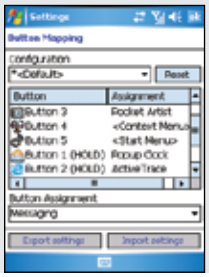
PocketSysWatch

Birdsoft
www.birdsoft.net
A system tray utility which can tell you how much battery life and memory you have left.

FINALIST

Syswatch

Button Enhancers



WINNER

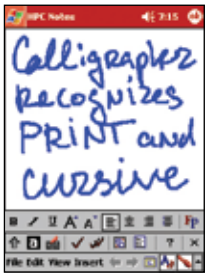
VITO ButtonMapper

VITO Technology
vitotechnology.com
Assigns two actions per hardware button (single-press & hold) to launch programs, enter system settings, etc.

FINALIST

HotButton Plus

Handwriting



WINNER

CalliGrapher

PhatWare Corporation
www.phatware.com
Employs fuzzy logic and neural net techniques to recognize handwriting.

FINALIST

PenReader

Notes

WINNER

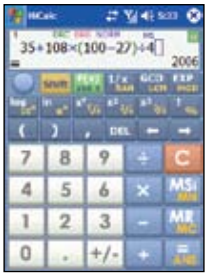
PhatNotes 5

PhatWare Corporation
www.phatware.com
A notes organizer that lets you create notes and categorize them by type, subject, and date.

FINALIST

PhatPad

Calculator



WINNER

HiCalc

PPCLink Mobile Software
www.ppclink.com
Ultimate calculator combines all of the features of other calculators in one.

FINALIST

EngCalc(Full)
Math Tablet

Internet Relay Chat

WINNER

Pocket IRC

Code North
Softwarecodenorth.ca
An IRC client for Pocket PC 2003 and above.

FINALIST

wmIRC

Overclocking/Speed Boosting

WINNER

Pocket Hack Master

Wizcode Ltd
www.antontomov.com
Change the default processor speed of your XScale PPC to gain additional performance or save battery life.

FINALIST

XCPUScalar

Command Prompt & Scripting

WINNER

MortScript

Mort
www.sto-helit.de
A scripting language.

FINALIST

nScriptm

Mindmapping

WINNER

Pocket Mindmap

JKRB Software
www.pocketmindmap.com
Application to structure your ideas -- draw out a map with the help of text boxes, icons, and colors.

FINALIST

IM Mind Map

Printing

WINNER

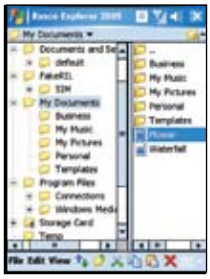
PrintBoy

Bachmann Software
www.bachmannsoftware.com
Print e-mails and Pocket Word and Excel documents over infrared, Wi-Fi, modem, or cell phone connections.

FINALIST

ActivePrint Professional

File Management



WINNER

Resco Explorer

Resco, Ltd.
www.resco.net
This application has all the standard file/folder manipulation features that you need in a file explorer.

FINALIST

Total Commander

Misc. Utilities

WINNER

TapText

DinarSoft
www.dinarsoft.com
A whole new way of inserting repetitive text into your notes, e-mail or documents, etc.

FINALIST

AdapTex
First Voice Software
UPX4PPC

Registry Editors

WINNER

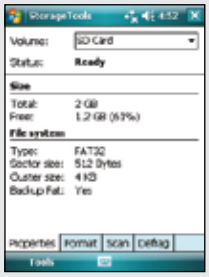
PHM Registry Editor

Philippe Majerus
www.phm.lu/products
This program allows you to edit the PPC/SP registry to make system and applications tweaks.

FINALIST

Vidya Pocket Registry Editor

File System



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StorageTools

Soft Winter Inc
www.softwinter.com
A storage card management solution with which you can format, scan and defrag your storage card.

FINALIST

Flash Format

Multifunction Maintenance

WINNER

SKTools

SKKV Software
s-k-tools.com
A Pocket PC maintenance tool that performs a variety of utility functions.

FINALIST

MemMaid
Pocket Mechanic Professional

Remote Host Control

WINNER

LogMeIn Pro

LogMeIn, Inc.
www.LogMeIn.com
A remote access client to desktop PCs.

FINALIST

GoToMyPC Personal

FTP Clients

WINNER

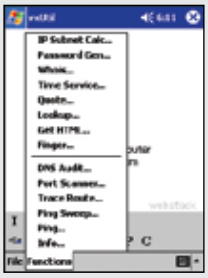
FTP Explorer Mobile

Ornetawww.orneta.com
An FTP Client for Windows Mobile-based devices.

FINALIST

vxFtp

Networking



WINNER

vxUTIL

Cambridge Computer Corp
www.cam.com
Free Internet utilities include Finger, Get HTML, Info, IP Subnet Calculator, Lookup, Password Generator, etc.

FINALIST

Network Browser

Screen Capture

WINNER

CapturePro

Teksoft SRL
www.teksoftco.com
A desktop PC screen capture utility for your mobile device.

FINALIST

Pocket ScreenSnap
VITO ScreenCapture

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Screen Display

WINNER

Nyditot Virtual Display

Nyditot
nyditot.com
Utility to display any resolution.

FINALIST

DockWare Pro
SideWindow

System Tweakers

WINNER

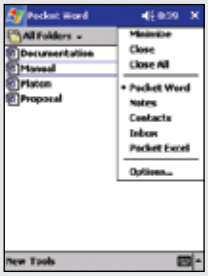
Tweaks2K2 .NET

Tweaks2k2
www.tweaks2k2.com
A registry tweaker with a collection of registry hacks for Pocket PC and Handheld PC devices.

FINALIST

RegistryWizard

Today Launchers



WINNER

Spb Pocket Plus

Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
The most powerful Today plug-in: uses tabs and enhances many task management functions.

FINALIST

Battery Pack Pro

Security

WINNER

Airscanner Professional Security Suite

Airscanner Corp.
www.airscanner.com
Feature-packed solution for your mobile security needs.

FINALIST

Pocket Secure
SeNTry 2020

Task Managers

WINNER

HandySwitcher

DinarSoft
www.dinarsoft.com
Makes it easy for you to manage all the running programs on your PocketPC.

FINALIST

Fizz Monitor
InClose Mobile

TV & Stereo Remote

WINNER

NoviiRemote Deluxe

NoviiMedia
www.novii.tv
A remote control software program that can operate a home entertainment system.

FINALIST

TV remote controller

Soft Keyboards

WINNER

TenGO

Xrgomics, Inc.
www.tengo.net
A software QWERTY keyboard that distributes all 26 letters over 6 large keys.

FINALIST

Fitaly
Spb Full Screen Keyboard

Theme Creation/Management

WINNER

ThemeGenCE

BenThon www.codeppc.com
A desktop utility allowing you to create Pocket PC themes and choose colors of texts and bars.

FINALIST

ThemeMaker M
VITO Theme Editor

Unit Conversion

WINNER

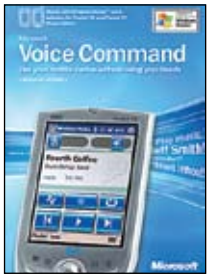
MxConverter Comprehensive

TranCreative
trancreative.com
Unit converter and expression calculator.

FINALIST

ConverterCE Pro
Conversions in Hand

Speech & Voice Commander/Dialer



WINNER

Microsoft Voice Command

Microsoft Software
www.windowsmobile.com
Use voice to look up contacts, place calls, play music, and start programs.

FINALIST

VoiceCentral

Time and Expenses

WINNER

TimeTracker MX2

R&F Consulting, Inc.
www.rfcons.com
Project/job tracking and management software for time, expenses, and vehicle mileage.

FINALIST

TimeBiller

User Interface/Menu Improvers

WINNER

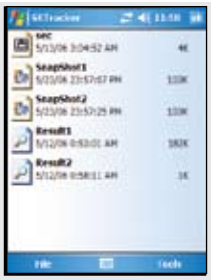
Spb Mobile Shell

Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
Introduces the next generation user interface while keeping all the advantages of a Windows Mobile device.

FINALIST

WisBar Advance

System and Registry



WINNER

SKTracker

SKKV Software
s-k-tools.com
Lets you track changes of the configuration of your Pocket PC.

FINALIST

PHM Plus!
Pocket dbExplorer

Time Utilities

WINNER

Timekeeper

Conduits Technologies, Inc.
www.conduits.com
Customizable stop watch with unique activity skins.

FINALIST

SK Schedule Master (SKScheMa)

Weather/News/Stocks

WINNER

Spb Weather

Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
A powerful weather forecast Today screen plug-in.

FINALIST

PocketWeather

System Metrics

WINNER

acbTaskMan

acbPocketSoft
www.acbPocketSoft.com
A resource and task manager for Pocket PC devices.

FINALIST

SuperTasks

Today Information plug-in

WINNER

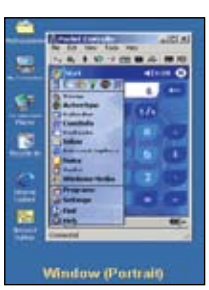
PocketBreeze

SBSH Mobile Software
www.sbsh.net
Replaces your built-in Calendar and Tasks on your Today screen, offering a more powerful solution.

FINALIST

Journal Bar
Spb Diary

WM Device Control



Winner

Pocket Controller Professional

SOTI Inc.
www.soti.net
Control and operate PPC/SP from your desktop PC.

Finalist

Desktop Rover
Pocket PC Controller
My Mobiler

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2007 Best Software Winners: Non-Touch Screen Smartphones

Thanks to the popularity of the Motorola Q, Samsung BlackJack, and T-Mobile Dash, more and more software has become available for Windows Mobile non-touch screen smartphones. Many popular Pocket PC programs have been ported over to the smartphone platform to compliment a variety of excellent new titles for phones without touch screens. This year, judges selected winners and finalists from 212 nominees in 38 categories. Complete details can be found at SmartphoneMag.com/awards.

Non-Touch Screen (smartphone) Software Categories

Communication	**10**	Classic Arcade	10	**Information Managers**	**11**	Multimedia Tools	11	**Utilities**	**11**
Bluetooth	10	Color Matching	10	List & database managers	11	Video	11	Calculators	11
Instant Messaging & IRC	10	Puzzle Games	10	PIMs	11	**Text and Reference**	**11**	File Management	12
Phone Tools and Synchronization	10	Racing Games	10	Secure Information Managers	11	Dictionaries	11	Networking and Remote Desktop	12
Emulators	**10**	RPG / Adventure Games	10	**Internet**	**11**	Document Viewers	11	Notes	12
Games	**10**	Scrolling Shooters	11	Web Browsing	11	Educational	11	Screen Capture and Display	12
Action Games	10	Simulation Games	11	**Multimedia**	**11**	Feed Reader	11	System and Registry	12
Board Games	10	Sports Games	11	Audio	11	**Travel**	**11**	Task Management	12
Casino and Card Games	10	Strategy Games	11	Graphic	11	Travel Tools	11		

Communication

Bluetooth

Winner

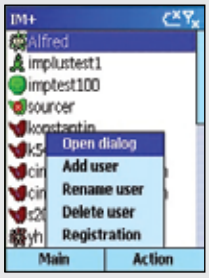
BlueMusic

Teksoft SRL
www.teksoftco.com
Redirects all audio from your mobile device to your Bluetooth headset.

FINALIST

Bluezard

Instant Messaging & IRC



Winner

IM+ Mobile Instant Messenger

SHAPE Services Ltd.
www.shapeservices.de
All-in-one universal IMM for MSN, ICQ, AOL, and Yahoo.

FINALIST

Agile Messenger
Mundu IM

Phone Tools & Synchronization

Winner

Spb Phone Suite

Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
A collection of phone features missing from WM.

FINALIST

Jeyo Mobile Companion
Spb GPRS Monitor
VITO VoiceDialer

Emulators

Computer Emulators & Interpreters

Winner: ScummVM
ScummVMscummvm.sourceforge.net
FIN FuseSP, PocketDOS

Desktop Game Console Emulators

Winner: Pocket Nester Plus
Masterall www.modaco.com
FINALISTS: Finalburn Alpha, Masterall's PocketSNES port

Handheld Game Console Emulators

Winner: SmartGear
BitBank Softwarewww.bitbanksoftware.com
FINALIST: gnuboy SP

Games

Action Games

Winner

Eclipse: First Wave

Alien Invention
www.alieninvention.com
A shoot-em-up action game that brings classic arcade shooter action.

FINALIST

3D Constructo Combat
3D Lawn Darts

Board Games

Winner

Multiplayer Championship Backgammon

Real Dice www.realdice.com
Stunning graphics, powerful AI opponents, multiplayer gaming over the Internet.

FINALIST

4Connect
Multiplayer Championship Chess

Casino and Card Games

Winner

Multiplayer Championship Poker - Texas Hold'em

Real Dice www.realdice.com
Features multiplayer and multi-table tournament play via Bluetooth or IrDA.

FINALIST

Aces Texas Holdem-No Limit

Classic Arcade

Winner

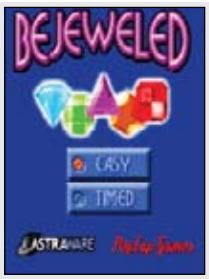
Atomic Cannon Pocket

Isotope 244
www.isotope244.com
Atomic Cannon Pocket is a strategic artillery simulation with realistic graphics and effects.

FINALIST

Galaga

Color Matching



Winner

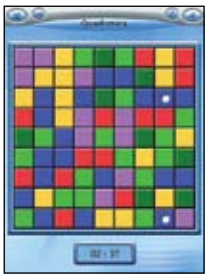
Bejeweled

Astraware Limited
www.astraware.com
Tap adjacent pairs of gems to swap them and make matching horizontal and vertical lines of three or more.

FINALIST

DragonBall
Quartz 2

Puzzle Games



Winner

Brain Evolution

Spb Software House
www.spbsoftwarehouse.com
An intelligent game for the Pocket PC.

FINALIST

Brain School Brain Trainer
TokiTori
Word Challenge

Racing Games

Winner

K-Rally

Infinite Dreams
www.idreams.pl
Your car is equipped with mines and rockets. Upgrades available.

FINALIST

Flux Challenge SP
Raging Thunder

RPG/Adventure Games

Winner

Atlantis Redux

Tetraedge Games
www.tetraedge.com
An adventure game that will take players on a journey through time and varied landscapes.

FINALIST

Legacy

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Scrolling Shooters

Winner

SkyForce Reloaded

Infinite Dreams
www.idreams.pl
Classic arcade shooter, with 3d interactive objects, outstanding graphics, special effects, and soundtrack.

FINALIST

FireHawk

Simulation Games

Winner

Lemonade Tycoon

JAMDAT Mobile
www.jamdat.com
In this game you can test your entrepreneurial skills by trying to sell lemonade.

FINALIST

Mini-Dogfight
Mini-Jetfight

Sports Games

Winner

Pocket Mini Golf 2

Momentum Games
www.momentumgames.com
Miniature golf game with a total of 60 unique levels.

FINALIST

Links
Virtual Pool Mobile

Strategy Games

FINALIST

Snails

PDA Mill
Arcade game with missions involving snails.
pdamill.com

FINALIST

Machines at War

Information Managers

List & database managers

Winner

ListPro

Ilium Software
www.iliumsoft.com
Make and manage lists, inventories, and organize any kind of information.

FINALIST

HanDBase Enterprise
Oxios ToDo List

PIMs

Winner

Agenda One

Developer One, Inc.
www.developerone.com
Provides time, calendar, and contact management for Windows Mobile 5 Pocket PCs or smartphones.

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Papyrus

Secure Information Managers

Winner

CodeWallet Pro

Developer One, Inc.
www.developerone.com
Manage passwords, banking info, online accounts, insurance policies,IDs, pictures, and more.

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eWallet Professional

Internet

Web Browsing

Winner

Opera Mobile

Opera Software
www.opera.com
Surf the same Web sites as you do on your personal computer.

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Opera Mini
Skweezer

Multimedia

AudioTools

Winner

Pocket Player

Conduits Technologies, Inc.
www.conduits.com
Supports MP3, OGG Vorbis, WMA, WAV files plus streaming protocols.

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PocketMusic
VITO AudioNotes
VITO AudioPlayer

Graphics

Winner

Resco Photo Viewer

Resco, Ltd. www.resco.net
Manage and view your images in different file formats, including .jpg, .gif, .bmp, .pcx, .cfx, Adobe .psd, and more.

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Homescreen Designer

Multimedia Tools

Winner

Slingplayer

SlingMedia
www.slingmedia.com
Using this with a Slingbox hardware setup allows you to view live and recorded TV over the Internet.

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BlueTooth Audio
DBPoweramp

Video

Winner

CorePlayer Mobile

CoreCodec, Inc.
www.corecodec.com
Turns mobile devices into multimedia players without treplacing legacy hardware.

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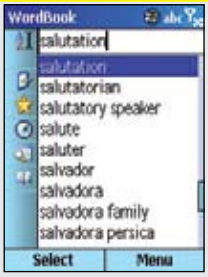
Orb
Core Pocket Media Player

Text and Reference

Dictionaries



Winner

WordBook

TranCreative
www.trancreative.com
147,000 entries, including a Word Picker feature (look up words inside other apps).

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SlovoEd Multilingual Dictionaries

Document Viewers

Winner

Documents To Go

DataViz, Inc.
www.dataviz.com
View, edit, create native Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files.

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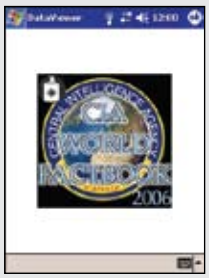
ClearVue Suite
Mobipocket Reader

Educational



Winner

CIA World Factbook Handheld Edition

Mobifusion Inc.
www.pocketdirectory.com
Snapshot of the world; flags, maps, and extensive country-specific data.

FINALIST

Leonard Maltin's Movie Guide
World Almanac-Handheld Ed.

Feed Reader

Winner

NewsBreak

Ilium Software
www.iliumsoft.com
Provides the latest headlines, weather, sports, business, and entertainment news wirelessly.

FINALIST

FeederReader
Newsgator Go

Travel

Travel Tools

Winner

WorldMate

MobiMate
www.mobimate.com
Essential business-travel services,flight updates, animated weather maps.

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Fizz Traveller
Spb Traveler

Utilities

Calculators

Winner

1-Calc

Omega One Software LLC
www.omegaone.com
Full scientific calculator, unit converter, currency converter, and base converter.

FINALIST

Math Tablet for Smartphones

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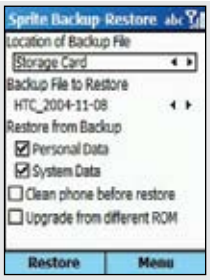
File Management



Winner

Sprite Backup

Sprite Software Ltd
www.spritesoftware.com
All of the functionality of the standard edition and also allows you to back up directly to your PC or network.

FINALIST

Resco Explorer

Notes

Winner

SmartphoneNotes

Syncdata
www.syncdata.it
An application that can be used to view and edit your Outlook Notes on your Smartphone.

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PhatNotes 5

System and Registry

Winner

SKTools Standard

SKKV Software
s-k-tools.com
A maintenance toolkit program.

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Tweaks2K2 .NET
VITO CopyPaste

Networking & Remote Desktop

Winner

FlexMail

WebIS, Inc.
www.webis.net
Manage your e-mail from your mobile device.

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FTP Explorer Mobile
True Connect

Screen Capture and Display

Winner

SBSH Facade

SBSH Mobile Software
www.sbsh.net
A highly customizable tab-based Home screen plug-in for Smartphone devices.

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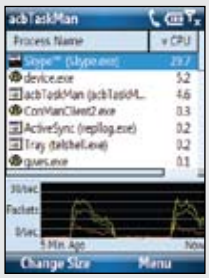
Pocket Controller Professional

Task Management



Winner

acbTaskMan

acbPocketSoft
www.acbPocketSoft.com
A resource and task manager for Pocket PC devices.

FINALIST

SP Task Manager
SystemToys

Handango Champion Awards

Handango (handango.com) has announced the winners of the Handango Champion Awards at the seventh annual Handango Partner Summit. Nominated by the Handango team and judged by a panel of industry experts and media, the Handango Champion Awards were presented for applications running on Windows Mobile Pocket PCs (touch screen devices), Windows Mobile Smartphones (non-touch screen), and other mobile OSs. The categories were: Best Evolution Application, Best Entertainment Application, Best Industry Application, and Best Life Management Application.

Windows Mobile Pocket PC categories

- Spb Mobile Shell 1.5 (spbsoftwarehouse.com)—Best Evolution Application
- Spb Brain Evolution 1.1 (spbsoftwarehouse.com)—Best Entertainment Application
- Pocket Controller Pro (soti.net)—Best Industry Application
- SBSH PocketBreeze 5.2 (sbsh.net)—Best Life Management Application

Windows Mobile Smartphone categories

- MobiTV (mobitv.com)—Best Evolution Application
- Mundu Interoperable Messenger (geodesic.com)—Best Entertainment Application
- Documents To Go v3.0 (dataviz.com)—Best Industry Application
- Agenda One (developerone.com)—Best Life Management Application

Developer of the Year

Handango also recognized content providers with Developer of the Year awards for outstanding software development, committed customer care, and innovation. The winners were:

- Spb Software House—WM Pocket PC
- DataViz, Inc.—WM Smartphone

Rookie of the Year

Finally, Handango honored select new content partners with the Rookie of the Year award for their efforts to make sure their applications flourish within current markets and expand into new ones.

The winners were:

- CoreCodec, Inc.—WM Pocket PC
- Inrix, Inc.—WM Smartphone

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Smartphone & Pocket PC Board of Experts 2007

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our volunteer, Windows Mobile, Board of Experts 2007. These judges nominated almost 900 pieces of Pocket PC and Smartphone software in 188 categories. Then they voted to select winners and finalists.

The 2007 Board of Experts includes authors of Windows Mobile books; contributors to Smartphone & Pocket PC magazine, blogs, and forums; Microsoft MVPs; and webmasters and contributors to the top Smartphone and Pocket PC Web sites. These judges reside in the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, most European countries, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, Philippines, India, Iran, Israel, and United Arab Emirates.

Collectively, members of our Board of Experts 2007 have invested thousands of hours putting the software titles through their paces. Experts' specific comments about the winners, finalists, and nominees will be published in future issues.

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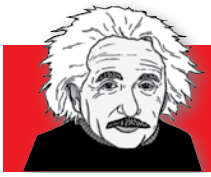


We Ask the Experts about their Favorite Software

Our Board of Experts was responsible for selecting and evaluating the nominees, finalists, and winners of Smartphone & Pocket PC *magazine's Best Software Awards 2007 (*pocketpcmag.com/awards/main.asp*). After they were finished with this monumental task, we asked them to comment on their favorite software programs and the programs they found most interesting. Here are their responses.*

Of all the software you tested, what was your favorite?

acbTaskMan

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

acbpocketsoft.com

This well-designed program has great task management and resource monitoring features. I really give it kudos for its pricing model—the basic program is free; extras require a license fee. (Nate Adcock: pocketpcmag.com/blogs)

Arvale II

Touch screen version only

pdamill.com

Arvale II is a great RPG, with superb graphics, challenging puzzles, over 300 maps to discover, and over 400 monsters to defeat. This one provides real fun for many hours! (Alex Januschewsky: mobilitynews.net)

BeeLineGPS

Touch screen version only

visualgps.net/beelinegps

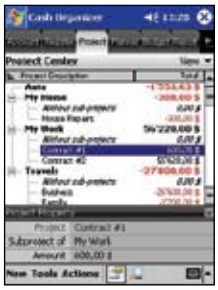
BeeLine is a very user-friendly and powerful program that makes geocaching and other GPS-related activities easy. (Riccardo D'Agostino: x50v.it)

Blue Music

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

teksoftco.com

This software allows you to listen to music being played on your Windows Mobile device through your Bluetooth headset. It was a fun product to use. (Amy Zunk: gadgetme.com)



Cash Organizer Premium

Touch screen version only

inesoft.com

The 2007 version is an easy to use, full-featured professional program—a great solution for people looking for a financial program that lets you manage all your accounts. (Riccardo D'Agostino: x50v.it)

Conduits Pocket Player

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

conduits.com/products/player

Conduits has created a winner, utilizing the connectedness of newer Windows Mobile devices to make Pocket Player a truly full-featured application. The Web Guide is awesome, making listening to streaming music a breeze. Since judging this application, it is now my most-often used app! (Matt Coddington: pocketpclouisville.com) This is the best all-in-one media solution I have ever found for the Pocket PC. (Doug Goldring: justanothermobilemonday.com)

Fizz Traveller

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

fizzsoftware.com

The sheer volume of information accessible using this travel organizer as well as the way it integrates on-device and real-time information is remarkable. (Dan Hanttula: semperaptus.com)

Fring

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

fring.com

This is the first program that integrates all the IM services I use and also supports voice communication. Despite the fact that it is still considered a beta version, it is very stable and functional. The developer is doing a great job with Fring. (Helio Diamant: pocketpcfreak.com)

GPS Tuner

Touch screen version only

gpstuner.com

GPS Tuner is a feature-rich off-road navigation program that is great for hiking, boating, flying, or geocaching. The only downside is that you have to create your own maps. (Russ Terrell: mozongoware.com)

GpsGate

Touch screen version only

franson.com/gpsgate

GpsGate is an easy to configure and easy to use application that allows you to use multiple programs with the GPS receiver on your device. (Riccardo D'Agostino: x50v.it)

Journal Bar

Touch screen version only

omegaone.com

Journal Bar puts up-to-date news, weather, and stock quotes on my device so that the information I need is always available. (Myron Swartz)

ListPro

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

iliumsoft.com

ListPro is a list manager that does it all! They are improving it all the time. I am constantly finding new things to do with ListPro. (Scott Logsdon)

LogMeIn

Touch screen version only

secure.logmein.com/home.asp

LogMeIn lets me access my laptop/desktop PC remotely from my Windows Mobile device. I can now work with PC programs running on my desktop, controlling everything remotely with my iPAQ Pocket PC. (Jose Luis Kuri Segura: ob-center.com/ppc-center)

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Microsoft Voice Command

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

microsoft.com/windowsmobile/voicecommand/default.mspx

The latest version of Microsoft Voice Command includes full support for Bluetooth headsets, which is an absolute blessing for users who rely heavily on hands-free options. Also new to the program is support for non-touch screen smartphones. (Darius Wey: pocketpcthoughts.com)

MySportTraining

Touch screen version only

vidaone.com/mst_ppc.htm

This software is a great tool for both the gym and at-home use. It's very comprehensive and integrates in well with MyPersonalDiet. It also syncs up nicely with its Windows PC component. It is well put-together and is a great tool for anyone interested in better managing of their health. (Rachel Eichen: aximsite.com)

On Course Navigator 6

Touch screen version only

buygpsnow.com

OCN6 is a state-of-the-art GPS navigation program that ships on a microSD card (with mini and SD card adapters). I really appreciate the fact that there's no tedious registration process involved with this program. The first time you slip it into your card slot, it automatically installs the program and you're ready to go. It faithfully guided me over mountains, through valleys, across rivers, and through the confusing snarl of big cities on a 6,000 mile road trip this summer. (Tim Hillebrand: synergetics.org/sms)

Opera Mini

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

opera.com

I continue to be amazed at how great Opera has made the browsing experience on my smartphone. (Joel Evans: geek.com)

OziExplorerCE

Touch screen version only

oziexplorer.com

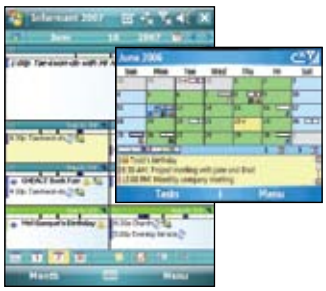
OziExplorerCE is moving map software that lets you purchase maps or create your own using the PC component of the program. It's great for off-road applications, but it does not provide turn-by-turn driving instructions. (Riccardo D'Agostino: x50v.it)

PhoneAlarm

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

pocketmax.net

This nifty utility helps you set up alarms and user profiles. You can pick which components you use in each profile (Bluetooth, Phone, Wi-Fi, etc.). You can also customize your alarms and make them repeat, so you never miss an important message. (Remzi Semsettin Turer: sems.org)



Pocket Informant

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

pocketinformant.com

The "Wow" factor is significant. This excellent, feature-rich program puts the functionality of a laptop PC on your Pocket PC. I spent hours testing it and comparing its functionality, ease of use, synchronization capabilities, and customer support to Agenda Fusion. In the end, I decided to go with Pocket Informant. (Firas Salim: pda4peds.com)

Pocket E-Sword

Touch screen version only

e-sword.net

Now that I've tried E-Sword, I'm sold on it. That is, if you can be "sold" on a freeware program! (Andy Mason: aximsite.com)

Quartz

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

elementsgames.com

I spent more time with this gripping game than I did judging other software. The diamond shape board also provides a fresh approach to color matching games. (Meryl K. Evans: meryl.net)

SK Tracker

Touch screen version only

s-k-tools.com

SK Tracker shows you how misbehaving applications are dumping garbage files into your device—and how to get rid of that garbage without performing a hard reset. (Lutz Bendlin: pocketgpsworld.com)

SoftMaker Office 2006

Touch screen version only

softmaker.com

This little baby will make you think you're working on your desktop PC. I was blown away by the power of this office suite; it's everything you need to edit documents on the go! (Juan David Gomez: juandg.wordpress.com)

SmartTweaker

Non-touch screen version only

gadgetapps.net

This great product allows for simple registry changes to alter the way in which your smartphone functions. Simply select the change you wish to make and the SmartTweaker edits the system reg-

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istry automatically. The program is updated regularly with new registry tweaks. This is a great solution that any level of smartphone user can benefit from. (Bradley Gillett: dashsmartzone.com)

Pocket Controller Professional

PC program; installs client software on touch and non-touch devices

soti.net

Pocket Controller lets you control your Windows Mobile device from your desktop PC. Its user interface is well thought-out and easy to use. The Task Manager lets me monitor (and kill) running applications and services. A bug in a running application can cause it to hang, and the kill feature is really useful. The Registry Editor allows me to easily view and alter settings. Pocket Controller Pro supports skins for every Windows Mobile device that I have heard of, allowing me to capture screenshots framed in the appropriate device, which I've used to create professional looking reports. (Dick Grier: hardandsoftware.net)

Spb Mobile Shell

Touch screen version only

spbsoftwarehouse.com

This information organizer puts your most important data at the forefront. The Now screen on Spb Mobile Shell is an award-winning concept. (Dan Hanttula: semperaptus.com)

Spb Backup

Touch screen version only

spbsoftwarehouse.com

This is the only backup product I've tested that has worked in every scenario, including restoring a backup to a device that has been factory hard-reset. (Nate Adcock: pocketpcmag.com/blogs)

Spb Wallet

Touch screen version only

spbsoftwarehouse.com

Spb Wallet is a functional and very easy to use program, providing secure storage of important data. It has an intuitive interface and attractive templates. I would prefer that the encrypted data file generated by the application was compliant with the more common GPG format. But even as is, it's a program that any security-conscious Windows Mobile user should acquire. (Mike Riley: mikeriley.com)

WordBook

Touch screen version only

trancreative.com

WordBook is a comprehensive and feature-rich English language dictionary and thesaurus. I love the Anagram feature—it helps me cheat at Scrabble! (Judie Lipsett: geardiary.com)

What was your most interesting or pleasant discovery?

All Mobile Casino

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

binaryfish.com

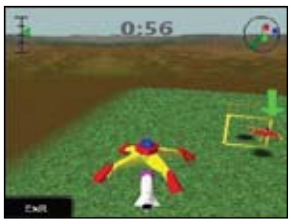
I loved the previous version, and the new version of All Mobile Casino brings some nice cosmetic changes and a few new games (I'm glad to see Tri-Card Poker finally on the list). This game is a great tool for learning how to play both the popular and more obscure casino games. It was great for my trips to both Vegas and Atlantic City. (Rachel Eichen: aximsite.com)

BlueMouse

Touch screen version only

teksoftco.com

BlueMouse lets you use a Bluetooth mouse with your Pocket PC—great for out-of-office work. (Helio Diamant: pocketpcfreak.com)



Constructo Combat

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

concretesoftware.com

I never really ventured into the realm of multiplayer games, but Constructo Combat has turned me into an addict. The game play is simple and smooth—you find yourself getting sucked into the game for hours. (Bradley Gillett: dashsmartzone.com)

CorePlayer

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

coreplayer.com

CorePlayer is the best media player out there. It features almost all the video/audio codecs, and is highly customizable and very stable. It will never leave my PDA! (Alex Januschewsky: mobilitynews.net)

Fring

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

fring.com

Fring is a very easy-to-use communication tool, supporting many protocols, including MSN, Skype, and Sip. Best of all, it's free! (Remzi Semsettin Turer: sems.org)

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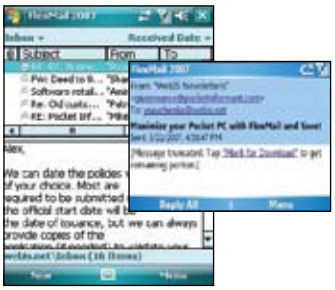

FlexMail

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

webis.net

FlexMail is a full-fledged e-mail client for your Windows Mobile device. I hadn't tried out WebIS's FlexMail in some time, but the latest version—wow! They've really packed a ton of features in this great app. (Scott Logsdon)

HotButton Plus

Touch screen version only

burroak.on.ca

HotButton Plus lets you program any number of commands to a single button so you can activate them quickly and easily. I love this type of program. (Doug Goldring: justanothermobilemonday.com)

K-Rally

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

idreams.pl

I didn't expect a smartphone game to be as involved and professional as K-Rally! The graphics and game play are fantastic! You can play it for hours and never get bored. (Al Harrington: pocketpcmag.com/blogs)

MyIP

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

slipstreamsolutions.co.uk

It was great finding a decent and easy-to-use tool to do basic network troubleshooting. (Amy Zunk: gadgetme.com)

Orb 2.0

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

orb.com

I haven't seen a product this innovative in a long time. It lets you access multimedia content stored on your desktop PC from your Windows Mobile device. It was one of the most amazing and pleasant discoveries I made working on this year's awards. (Juan David Gomez: juandg.wordpress.com)

Pocket Islam

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

pocketislam.com

This feature-rich program has beautiful graphics. Well done. (Andy Mason: aximsite.com)

Pocket Slides

Touch screen version only

conduits.com

I don't know how I missed this great product. I have been using Pocket Slideshow and PowerPoint Mobile to review slide shows prior to making presentations. However, Pocket Slides not only lets me review slides, I can now make last-minute edits just before the presentation. (Firas Salim: pda4peds.com)

Resco Photo Viewer

Touch and non-touch screen versions available

resco.net

Resco Photo Viewer has come a long way since the previous Best Software Awards. Resco has added a plethora of imaging functionality to the latest version. It blows many other competing products out of the water. (Darius Wey: pocketpcthoughts.com)

Spb Brain Evolution

Touch screen version only

spbsoftwarehouse.com

I was initially skeptical about this program's claims of improving memory and computational speeds. However, after using Brain Evolution for several weeks, I did notice a definite improvement in my own memory and recall. I still can't memorize a phone book, but the result is definitely noticeable. (Mike Riley: mikeriley.com)

Spb Weather

Touch screen version only

spbsoftwarehouse.com

After testing many competing programs, I was pleased to find that I had been using the best weather program all along. (Judie Lipsett: geardiary.com)

Tachyon for Pocket PC

Touch screen version only

tachyonweb.net

Tachyon is an amazing astronomy program with tons of options and settings. It's not only great for the amateur, it's superb for an expert because of its ability to control the telescope and display tours of the stars. (Myron Swartz)

VITO AstroNavigator

vitotechnology.com

It isn't often that you look at a product and wonder why all applications aren't designed like it. I absolutely love the beautiful, full-screen, scrolling user interface of AstroNavigator. It makes you—and anyone looking over your shoulder—really take notice. (Dan Hanttula: semperaptus.com) ■

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GPS on Windows Mobile

Reviews of the top GPS navigation programs

by Myron Swartz

This article reviews the top GPS navigation programs developed for Windows Mobile devices. To take full advantage of this software, your device must be equipped with a GPS receiver. If your Windows Mobile device does not have a GPS receiver built into it, you can purchase one as an accessory. Some of these receivers are described in the Oct 07 issue, in an article titled "GPS Hardware and Accessories."

Sinc our last full review of GPS navigation solutions was published in last year's Buyer's Guide (smartphonemag.com/_archives/Dec06/GPSSolutions.aspx). Since then, Mapopolis, a perennial favorite, was discontinued. ALK's latest CoPilot Live version 7 wasn't released in time, but we did receive and review the beta version of the program. When it becomes available, we will publish a review of the final release on the *Smartphone & Pocket PC* magazine blogs (smartphonemag.com/blogs). The latest version of Destinator has a beautiful new interface with large, easy to press buttons and added functionality. Large buttons are particularly important for in-vehicle use so that you don't have to fumble with a stylus. I'm pleased to see that this is standard on most of the programs we reviewed. I also appreciate the fact that more programs are including the ability to program hardware buttons, so that when they are pressed a verbal status report is played telling you how far it is to the next turn and giving you other information. This is an important advancement, further eliminating the need to look at the screen while driving.

My repeat personal favorite, iGuidance, now includes text-to-speech capability to announce street names and upcoming turns as you approach them. Unfortunately, it also now requires that you load the entire North American map file on your device, which occupies 1.3 GB of storage. Practically speaking, that means you'll need to purchase an additional storage card with at least a 2 GB capacity. In addition, because of the size of the map file, it takes longer to load the map into the program when you first start it.

Developers of GPS navigation software continue to enhance their programs, making them more functional and easier to use. They've also enhanced security to prevent software privacy. This makes installation a little more complicated, but ensures that they can afford to continue improving their products for the benefit of all of us.

This article was prepared with the able assistance of the following members of Smartphone & Pocket PC *magazine's board of experts, including Russ Terrell, Al Harrington, Tim Hillebrand, Remzi Turer, Lutz Bendlin, and Jerry Stevens. (Jerry is not a member of the Board of Experts, but he is experienced with GPS and we value his comments.)*

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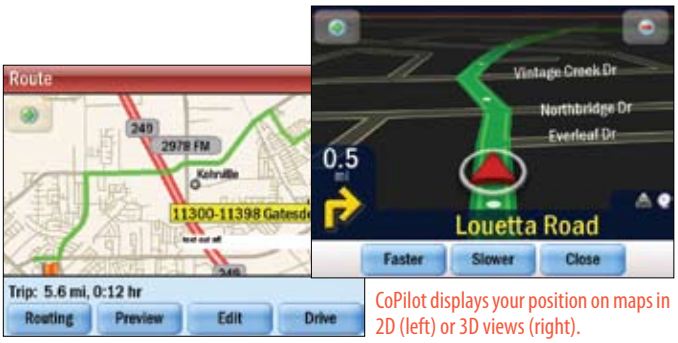

CoPilot displays your position on maps in 2D (left) or 3D views (right).

ALK CoPilot Live 7 (beta)

- More info/purchase: alk.com
- Available for: Windows Mobile touch screen and non-touch screen devices; Windows PCs

CoPilot Live is a powerful yet easy-to-use GPS navigation program that includes the latest street maps, advanced customizable routing, and route specific real-time information.

The beta version of CoPilot Live 7 we tested has a clean, colorful, and attractive user interface, with even larger easier-to-press buttons than on the previous version. The satellite acquisition and route calculations were both blazingly fast. The software contains the latest street maps from NAVTEQ, with updated coverage of the U.S. with thousands of new Points of Interest (POI). Maps are also available for Canada and Europe. Although the North American POI database occupies almost three quarters of the 1.3 GB map file, it didn't seem that comprehensive to me.

CoPilot can receive live traffic incident alerts to help avoid delays.

CoPilot's enhanced scrolling 3D map display clearly indicates distance-to-turn and displays a turn arrow that highlights the way ahead. CoPilot users can opt to receive live traffic reports and notifications about route-specific incidents via the Traffic Message Channel (TMC) or a GPRS data connection. You can reroute to avoid delays or ignore them. If you are using the program with a phone-enabled device, you can also receive and reply to text messages from within the program, have friends and associates check on your progress via a secure Web site, and update your itinerary on the go.

CoPilot Live is customizable, letting you avoid or use certain road types, set average road speeds, and create driving profiles for use at different times of day, such as rush hour or when driving different vehicles. You can also customize the display to add up to 50 stops along the way (a.k.a., waypoints), show ETA, current time, current road, nearest town, nearest major road, or destination. You only need to enter the destination and start driving, and CoPilot Live 7 does the rest. The directions for the complete trip are available in seconds, and if you make a change in the route, it recalculates the route instantaneously.

The text to speech isn't available on the non-touch screen version of the program. In addition, the voice-to-text pronunciation of some street names was not clear, and it took a bit of getting used to.

Separate versions of the program will be available for touch screen and non-touch screen devices. The CoPilot Live software will be available for $199.99. The software bundled with a Bluetooth GPS receiver and a 1 GB SD card loaded with all of the maps for the U.S. and Canada costs $299.99. Separate versions are available for the Motorola Q and Treo 700w. Finally, a version of the program for laptop/tablet/UMPC PCs is available, but must be purchased separately.

Despite a few minor inconveniences, CoPilot Live is a great choice for those requiring a feature-rich program with a simple interface, comprehensive maps, and great navigation capabilities. It's flexible, easy to use, and easily customized to meet your needs, making it well worth the money. *(Comments from: Lutz Bendlin, Myron Swartz)*

Destinator 6 map views: Overhead 2D (left) and 3D (right).

Destinator 6

- More info: destinatortechnologies.com
- Purchase through third-party vendors (list on site)
- Available for: Windows Mobile touch screen devices

Destinator 6 is an easy to use program with a nice graphical interface. It comes in two editions, one for North America and one for Europe. The software installs easily, requiring no activation. The desktop portion, the Destinator Console, is well designed and allows you to quickly install the software and the maps to your device: It clearly shows how much disk space is required for each regional map.

Once installed, I only had one glitch. I was testing it with an HTC P3600, which has a built-in GPS receiver. Destinator couldn't find the GPS port automatically, so I had to specify it in one of the configuration screens. Once this was set up, using the program was a breeze. The main interface has been completely redesigned and now has large buttons, which allow you to use it with your fingers instead of a stylus.

Destinator provides turn-by-turn voice and visual guidance. By default there are three notifications for each turn: 500 yards, 200 yards, and at the turn. It also offers four map views (2D day and night, 3D day and night).

Destinator allows you to download sections of maps based on your desired route, integrating selected addresses or points of interest. You can also specify the corridor (width) that will be included with the route.

Destinator has a comprehensive POI database with categories and subcategories to help you find the POI types you are interested in.

During my tests GPS acquisition was fast. The program supports point-to-point routing and allows you to specify multi-stop routes, which is great for many uses. I specified direct routes to my destination, as well as routes that avoided certain roads. Route recalculations were fast and mostly accurate. The maps for downtown areas were up to date; less so for the suburbs. I hope they'll get updated maps out shortly.

Destinator is available with maps of North America, Europe, Mexi-

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co, Australia, and Brazil. The North American package (navigation software and maps) is $109.95. The product is marketed through third-party vendors. A country-by-country list of these is found on their Web site. *(Comments from: Remzi Turer, Myron Swartz)*

iGuidance map views: Overhead 2D night view (left), 3D day view (right).

iGuidance

- More info/purchase: inavcorp.com
- Available for Windows Mobile touch screen devices

One of the least expensive solutions we tested was iGuidance, a feature-rich GPS navigation program with a well laid out and easy to use main screen. All the major options are accessible through large buttons on the screen.

The software DVD contains the Navteq digital maps and the navigation software. One of the great things about this program is that the DVD contains versions of the software for UMPCs and laptop PCs, as well as Windows Mobile touch screen devices—all for $109. Installation is relatively straightforward, but before you start, make sure you have a storage card in your device with at least 1.3 GB of available memory for the full map set. Once the program is installed, you will need to copy the iNav iGuidance folder and subfolders to the memory card. The developer, iNav, noted that the next DVD release will have an automated copy process.

Before you start iGuidance for the first time, be sure your Windows Mobile device and Bluetooth GPS are paired. Once these are set and your GPS is communicating, you shouldn't have to set them again.

You set your destination from the main menu. The easiest way to do this is to simply enter an address. I tested this with a number of addresses, and the program found any valid address I gave it. You can also select a destination from your Contacts list, which is a handy feature if you have a lot of client contacts. You can select an intersection or a city center, which is useful if you don't know an exact address. You can also drill down through the menus by street name or city. Finally, you can enter the latitude and longitude of your destination.

The iGuidance Route Options selection screen.

The main menu's itinerary option lets you set stopovers (waypoints) or program exact direct routes. When you travel to a stopover point, the software then asks if you wish to continue to the next stopover point on the itinerary list. Tap "yes" and it will route you to the next location.

You can also set speed alerts, specify shortcuts, and set route options from the main menu. The latter lets you specify method (quickest, shortest, etc.) and exclude roads you don't want to travel on.

The program also comes with an extensive Points of Interest database, broken down into different categories and sub-categories. You have the option to navigate to the POI, view a map of the area, add it to the favorites, or get more information including address and phone number.

The program is highly customizable. Maps can be displayed in 2D or 3D views, and your current location is indicated by a small arrow in a circle. You can also select "night viewing" mode, which reverses map colors and makes it easier to see. When you are in navigation mode, the direction of the next turn and distance to the turn is displayed on the screen. When the program is in guidance mode, the ETA, drive time, miles driven, and current speed are displayed at the bottom of the screen. You can pan the map at any time by tapping and holding the screen, then dragging the screen around. When in navigation mode and moving, the panning map exits automatically after about 40 seconds.

Navigation is simple; just follow the visual cues on the map and the voice prompts. After you make a turn, the voice guidance will announce how far you have to drive till the next turn. This is one of my favorite features when on unfamiliar highways & roads. When you near your destination, the voice guidance will announce your arrival and tell you which side of the street your destination is on.

My experience with iGuidance was very positive, but there were some weaknesses. The program came with a Help file, but lacked a user manual (printed or PDF). Using it for Geocaching required that I convert coordinates from MinutesDecimal to DegreesDecimal formats. I also noticed that it took a long time for the program to calculate the route. Finally, you need a 2 GB storage card to install the entire map. It would be better if they gave you the option of installing smaller portions of the map.

Still, it's a very good program. The large buttons made it easy to navigate without taking my eyes off the road. It's highly accurate and rich with features, especially in the points of interest section and the variety of ways you can select destinations. The software is very stable; I never had a lockup or crash, and communication with the Bluetooth GPS was very consistent. Finally, considering that you get the Windows Mobile and PC versions of the program for $109, it's a great buy. *(Comments from: Russ Terrell and Myron Swartz)*

OnCourse maps can be displayed in either 3D views (left) or 2D views (right).

OnCourse Navigator 6.0

- More info/purchase: oncoursenavigator.com
- Available for: Windows Mobile touch screen devices

OnCourse Navigator (OCN) ships with the navigation program, maps, and POI database pre-installed on a miniSD or microSD storage card (SD card adapter included). This arrangement allows you to use the program with just about any Windows Mobile device.

The first time you slip the card into your device, the program goes through a short setup procedure (no registration is involved). After that, tap on Detect and the program will scan for your GPS receiver. (If your

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device has an internal receiver, make sure it's turned on. If you are using a Bluetooth receiver, make sure it's turned on and paired with your device.)

Maps can be displayed in either 2D (map) or 3D (cockpit) views. Both can be used for general travel and navigation. You can select North up, track up or "40,000 foot view" orientation of the screen. The top of the 3D screen displays the miles to the next turn and what kind of turn it is. If you make a turn that is not on the route, the route will be recalculated and you will be informed by the navigator voice and on the display, and will be informed when you get close to your destination. The program does not inform you of which side of the street the final location is. The bottom of the 3D screen can be configured by the user to display a variety of information. By default, the three slots display miles to your destination, estimated travel time to destination, and current speed. You can also use the program's portrait or landscape viewing modes on devices with VGA screens.

The program provides voice guidance and turn-by-turn visual prompts. It also provides maps which contain the exact address numbers for each street. Additionally, you can set your home or work address and quickly navigate from anywhere back to it.

OnCourse Navigator's destination entry screen.

Pressing the Find & Go button on the main screen allows you to enter the location to which you'll be traveling. You can specify Home and Work locations and select them. The POI option takes you to the Point of Interest selection screen at your location or elsewhere. Finally, the most important button is the Address button. This is where you drill down to the address you're traveling to. They have designed the address entry to be very intuitive.

One of the more interesting features is called Dynamic Volume. The assumption behind this feature is that, as you travel faster, the background road/engine noise increases. When activated, this increases the volume of the voice prompts as you travel faster.

The Route Parameters settings screen lets you set Routing Method (fast to optimal), Route (short, economical, fast), and Vehicle (car, taxi, bus, truck, emergency, pedestrian, bicycle). There are also settings to allow or disallow routing on unpaved roads, highways, ferries, u-turns, permit-needed roads, and toll roads.

The screen layout and voice prompts make it easy to navigate without having to take your eyes off the road. Your position on the screen is highly accurate, except occasionally when you pass a cross street or freeway exit. In those cases, you may see the position indicator briefly drift off course and then snap back onto your route after passing the exit.

OnCourse Navigator is a feature-rich program, especially in the points of interest and destination selection sections. The basic features of the program are easy to figure out, but you'll need to read the user manual that comes with the program to discover the less obvious features and how to use them. They might consider including a short training video to help get you started.

We tested the OnCourse Navigator North American Deluxe Edition, which includes a POI database with 3.5 million items and ships on a miniSD card with an adapter to allow its use in an SD card slot. This version of the program is priced at $129.95 and is available on the OnCourse Navigator Web site (oncoursenavigator.com). It is available bundled with Bluetooth GPS receivers on BuyGPSnow.com.

(Comments from: Russ Terrell, Tim Hillebrand, Myron Swartz)

Ostia maps: Overhead 2D (left) and split screen showing close-up of final destination (right).

Pharos Ostia

- More info: pharosgps.com
- Purchase through third-party vendors (list on site)
- Available for: Windows Mobile touch screen devices

Pharos Ostia is a full-featured navigation program that is easy to use and offers quite a few expandable options, including the Follow Me and Live Traffic services (both require registration) as well as on-demand map downloads via an Internet-enabled device.

The program is easy enough to install, but you must do this, as well as download the maps, from a PC. I would prefer that the maps come preinstalled on an SD card for greater convenience. For the review, I downloaded Ostia and maps for parts of the United States. Maps for other parts of the world are also available. Note that you can only download three per day, so plan ahead if you are on an extended trip.

I particularly appreciated the reverse route feature, which quickly sets you up for the trip home. The voice prompts that alert you to turns are clear and easy to understand. You can even add your own prompts. And if you go off course, Ostia quickly reroutes you.

Ostia is fully integrated with Outlook Mobile, allowing you to select destinations and waypoints from your Contacts list. I also appreciated the Smart Navigator feature, which gives real-time traffic reports and displays points of interest directly on your phone-enabled WM device.

Ostia's POI selection screen makes it easy to find the type of POI you are looking for.

Another useful feature is that when you choose a point of interest, its address and phone number are immediately displayed; you don't have to go to a separate screen to access information. I also appreciate the range of information available on the navigation screen.

I was least satisfied with the program's POI capabilities. It seemed small, and I had a hard time finding what I was looking for. For example, there was no category for restaurants.

Once you get this program up and running, it's a winner. As mentioned, I would prefer that it came pre-installed on an SD card. Pharos also sells a GPS-enabled Pocket PC Phone Edition device (Pharos GPS Phone 600) that comes with Ostia pre-installed. The Ostia navigation program is available with maps of the U.S., Canada, or Europe, and it's priced at $110-$120. The Pharos GPS Phone 600 is priced at $600-$650. Pharos products are sold by MobilePlanet.com and other third-party vendors. A list of these is available on the Pharos Web site (pharosgps.com/sales/us_resellers.htm).

(Comments from: Tim Hillebrand)

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Route 66 Navigate: Main 2D map screen (left), POI selection (right).

Route 66 Navigate 7

- More info/purchase: 66.com
- Available for: Windows Mobile touch screen devices; related product (Mobile 7) available for non-touch screen smartphones

As mentioned in the introduction, we reviewed this solution in last year's Buyer's Guide. That review can be found on our Web site (smartphonemag.com/_archives/Dec06/GPSSolutions.aspx). Route 66 has not released a new version of the software since then, but they have fixed some bugs and made minor upgrades.

Navigate 7 is available for touch screen devices. A related product, Mobile 7, is available for non-touch screen smartphones. You can purchase the software alone or in a kit with a Bluetooth GPS receiver (one of the smallest ones you'll ever see). The kit version contains the software, GPS receiver, a car charger, an SD/USB adapter, and a stick-anywhere mounting plate to hold your Windows Mobile device. It also includes a plastic case with an SD caddy for the mini SD card that contains the program and preinstalled maps of the U.S. and Canada along with thousands of POIs, as well as an adapter that allows you to use the miniSD card in an SD slot.

The software/GPS receiver bundle (Navigate 7 or Mobile 7) is priced at $299. The software-only package is priced at $149.95.

TomTom Navigator 6 map views, overhead (left) and 3D (right).

TomTom Navigator 6

- More info/purchase: tomtom.com
- Available for: Windows Mobile touch screen devices

TomTom Navigator 6 is an impressive program with an intuitive, easy to use interface. The program starts quickly and satellites are acquired in seconds. I was amazed at how well all the functions worked, especially its ability to quickly select starting and ending points from Outlook Mobile's Contacts list.

The main screen is uncluttered, with a large arrow indicating the next turn, distance to turn, name of street for next turn, mileage, ETA, travel time, current time, speed, and a compass that shows travel direction and North. The large icons and keyboard allow you to control the program and enter addresses with your fingers.

If you encounter construction or blocked traffic, or deviate from your route, Navigator 6 quickly recalculates a new one. Its "Find Alternative" option lets you "Avoid part of route," "Avoid roadblock," or "Travel Via" (which gives 8 ways of entering an intermittent way point).

Itinerary planning for numerous destinations is very easy, and it can be saved for future use. When setting up a new route, you can set the time you have to be at your destination, and TomTom will show you how many minutes you will be late or have to spare. This is updated as you drive. In addition, there are numerous options that let you check the route. The most impressive is "demo route," which displays the route you've planned with voice prompts, screen changes, and the like, at up to 5 times the normal speed.

My wish list

Now that TomTom owns TeleAtlas maps, I hope they improve the accuracy of their maps. I tested the program in Toronto, Canada, and one time, when I was entering a thruway, I was directed by both voice prompts and the map display to turn left. Unfortunately, that would have had me heading the wrong way onto a thruway exit—not a pleasant experience! I encountered wrong directions a few other times. In addition, I encountered inaccuracies in other situations.

TomTom allows the creation of your own POIs, which is a handy feature that has a few problems. When you create a POI, you must create a new category for it—you can't put it in an existing one. This makes it harder to find it at a later time because you have to remember which category you created. The Points of Interest list shows the POI's address name and distance to it. However, it is difficult to choose if there are many branches by distance only. This is OK if you're in an unfamiliar location; however, with the many errors, I recommend checking the Web or phone book first. Phone numbers appear when the POI icon is clicked on the map.

Tom Tom Navigator 6 does have many excellent features and options, and is a good solution if you are using it in areas that you are familiar with. However, I was disappointed that TomTom, supposedly the largest GPS navigation solutions vendor, had a product that was not as accurate as others.

(Comments from: Jerry Stevens and Myron Swartz)

Making GPS more useful and compelling

Although a couple new PDAs were released recently by HP, the vast majority of Windows Mobile devices now have built-in phones. In response to this trend, GPS navigation solutions are including features that take advantage of this, including weather and traffic alerts, up-to-the-minute radar warnings, access to online Yellow Pages, and other services. All this is making GPS more useful and compelling.

In addition, the latest versions of these navigation programs have improved user interfaces with more intuitive screens, more attractive and useful maps, larger soft buttons, and the ability to program GPS features to hardware buttons on the device.

The ultimate enhancement would be voice capability, where you could simply say "take me to 300 South Broadway in MyCity" and the software would do the rest. This is a must-have feature for real estate agents, salesman, and other mobile pros, and would turn GPS into a killer app. ■

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GPS Navigation Programs Comparison Chart

FEATURES / PROGRAMS	Co-Pilot	Destinator	iGuidance	OnCourse	Pharos Ostia	Route 66	TomTom
Thumb size button Icons for easy use	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Features can be mapped to hardware buttons	•		•				
To Home/work button for quick routing	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tap & hold context dropdown menu		•	2D view only	•			
Change screen orientation within program				•			
Textured polygons (see Note 1)		•	•	•			COLOR ONLY
QWERTY keyboard option (see Note 2)	•	•	•		•		•
CONFIGURATION FEATURES							
Choice of voices for audible notifications	•			•			•
Use custom voices for notifications	•	•			Limited		•
Customize data can be displayed on screen	•			•			•
Adjust distance for before-turn alert	•	•	•				
Pedestrian setting (use GPS on foot)	•	•	•	•		•	•
Adjust font size		•					
Customize map colors	•		•			•	•
Speed warning		•	•	•			
Automatically locates GPS port	•	•	•	•	•		
ROUTE PLANNING							
Route planning on Pocket PC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Desktop PC component for map selection	•	•	•				
Desktop PC component for route planning	•	•	•				
Route across county and state boundaries	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Waypoints (RO = with route optimization)	RO	•	•		RO	•	•
Input coordinates	•			•			•
Cross border planning				•			
Use Outlook Contacts for start/destination	•	•	•		•	•	•
Save/recall route with playback	Planning only	•	•				
Avoid specific roads and/or detours	•	•	•	•			•
Save current location	•		•		•		•
Recent destinations	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Save & recall route	•	•	•				
Route optimization	•				•		
TRIP GUIDANCE FEATURES							
Speaks side of road of destination (see Note 3)	TTS		•	•			
Speaks destination address	TTS only						
Displays destination address on screen			•	•	•		
Speaks street name			•				
Speaks street names at turns (See Note 4)			•				
Audible warning: low or no GPS signal	•	•					
Fixed distance alert warning			•			•	
Proximity alerts (Visual or Audible)	A/V		A/V			A/V	V
Speed limit warning (Visual or Audible)		A	A /V	•		A	
Automatically switches to day-night screen			•	•			

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GPS Navigation Programs Comparison Chart (continued)

FEATURES / PROGRAMS	Co-Pilot	Destinator	iGuidance	OnCourse	Pharos Ostia	Route 66	TomTom
Automatically reroutes when off track	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Text directions displayed on map	•	•	•	•	•		•
Speaks list of turns on current route							
Can navigate to city name or city center	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Phone integration (Dial from POI list)					•	•	•
Logging and/or trail (See Note 5)	•		•	•	•		
Tracking via SMS	•				Fee		
Trip log (See Note 6)			•		•	•	
Fog warning: announces intersections			•				
Speed warning			•	•			
Turn Bluetooth on & off automatically	•						•
Built-in Data backup & Restore				•			
Low or lost signal warning	•	•					
Supports Sirf & NMEA	•	•	•	•	NMEA	•	•
SD card & MINI				•		•	
MAPS / POINTS OF INTEREST							
Map coverage USA & Canada	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Custom maps		•					
Includes POIs with phone numbers & addresses	Can add #	•	•	•	•	•	•
User can add POIs	•					•	•
PRICE, INSTALLATION, ETC.							
Price (navigation software + U.S. maps)	$199	$124.95	$119	$129.95	$119.95	$149	$149.95
Free demo tutorial (see Note 7)	•		•				
Must install to main memory; MB required	11 MB	5.3 MB			5.5 MB	1.8 MB	5.26 MB
Non-touch screen smartphone version available separately		•			In development	•	
Non-touch screen version included in package	•			•		•	
Laptop PC & UMPC version included			•				
Other languages supported	•-14	•	•	•-4		•	•
Additional fee-based features							
Traffic alerts	•				•	•	•
Weather alerts							•
Maps (See Note 8)	•						
POI Finder					•		•
Follow Me					•		

NOTES: 1) Enable the "show textured polygons" function to display river, lakes, forests in a more realistic way on the map. 2) Displays a QWERTY instead of an A,B,C style keyboard for entering destinations and waypoints. CoPilot also has Block & Letter recognition. Pharos Ostia can't use quick search in this mode. 3) TTS: Text to Speech. 4) Street names at turns: Speaks the street name to turn at, as opposed to "turn left," etc. 5) Logging and/or trail: Records a list of waypoints or shows a line on the screen of where you have been as you travel. Good for walking, hiking, or driving on unknown roads. 6) Trip log: Records and displays distance traveled, time traveled, average speed, etc. 7) There are no free demo versions of the programs available. 8) Additional fee-based maps: Product offers map packages to extend geographical coverage, in addition to maps bundled with the basic product.

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